

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ad Hoc Districting Committee: On June 6, the Santa Clara County Superior Court issued a ruling stating that the City of Santa Clara's current way of electing its Council members in city-wide elections is in violation of the California Voting Rights Act. The Court will hold an additional trial beginning July 18 to determine the judicial remedy for this violation. The Court has indicated it may order that for the November 2018 election for the two Council seats that are up for election that candidates will not be elected on a city-wide basis, but by district elections. On June 26, the Court issued an [Order](#) regarding the Schedule for the Remedies Phase of Trial. The Order requires the City to take immediate actions to hold four public hearings before July 22 for the purpose of receiving public input on potential district maps for the election of Council members. A change in elections by district will be a substantial change in how Santa Clara voters elect their Council members. If the Court orders district elections, the voters will only be able to elect one Council member who lives in the same district as those voters.

Public hearings have been held on July 3, July 5, and July 11 (**the fourth public hearing, scheduled for July 21, was cancelled due to a change in the court date**). Over 200 residents have participated at the public hearings or have provided comments on the survey.

The public is invited to provide input on the seven proposed Draft Council District Maps. View the maps by visiting [Council Districting Process](#) or provide comments and feedback on the proposed Council districts by taking the online survey at [Open City Hall](#). The deadline to provide input on the maps is midnight on July 17.

Supreme Court Decision Regarding Online Sales Taxes: On June 21, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.*, overturning the outdated physical presence standard for retail businesses. This long-anticipated decision clears the way for state and local governments to enforce existing sales and use tax laws on remote sales. States now have the broad authority to require online retailers to collect sales taxes. States now can require out-of-state retailers to collect their state's sales taxes even if they do not have a store, warehouse, or physical presence in that state.

Our sales tax consultants (Muni Services) have projected that this will be an increase of \$1 million to \$2 million for the City of Santa Clara. However, they have also cautioned us concerning these numbers because it is uncertain what the true universe of uncollected sales taxes will be. Collection on these additional taxes will begin on August 1, 2018 and the City will begin receiving the additional revenue in the November clean-up payment and in January 2019.



New Webpage – Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce, Convention Center and CVB: Given the complexity of issues, to increase the level of transparency and public awareness related to the Convention Center Management Agreement and the Convention-Visitors Bureau Agreement, staff is creating a webpage to house background and current information on the topics. The webpage will include information regarding: the contracts; the current audit; Council actions; and, other information of potential interest to the public as it becomes available. Staff anticipates that the webpage will be publicly accessible by Monday, July 16.

San Tomas & Monroe Neighborhood Park and Community Garden: The City will open its first Community Garden at the new San Tomas & Monroe Neighborhood Park. The Community Garden has raised garden beds for Santa Clara residents, private groups, and organizations to grow vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruit and other plants. Applicants are prioritized based on the following criteria: City of Santa Clara Residents living within a half a mile radius; City of Santa Clara Residents on Cal Fresh (WICC, SNAP) benefits; City of Santa Clara Residents with children in SCUSD boundaries and residents aged 55 and up; and then all other City residents over age 18. Garden Member applications and guiding principles are available at the Community Recreation Center, Senior Center, Teen Center and Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center. The initial application deadline is July 31 and each of the prioritized categories listed above will be weighted in the order listed, for each application. For more information, call 408-615-3740 or visit [Community Garden](#).

Summer Recreation Programs Still Available: The Parks & Recreation Department is proud to serve over 5,000 residents and participants in summer camps, swim lessons, summer enrichment classes for children, youth, adults and seniors. The new swim lessons at our pools and early start to the recreational swim season has increased visitors to the neighborhood park pools. There is still room in some programs, so don't miss out on the fun, learn a new skill and make a new friend. For more information, visit [Registration](#).

Leak Detection Technology: City Water & Sewer staff recently purchased a leak finder correlator that will assist crews in locating leaks, such as those that are deep underground or those that may be originating far away from where the water is coming up from the pavement. Using advanced acoustic leak detection, and by attaching to nearby valves or hydrants, crews should be able to pinpoint leaks in the distribution system to within one to three feet, thereby saving time and reducing costs associated with digging into the pavement at multiple locations to locate the more challenging leaks. Investing in this type of technology will save the City time and money in the long term. This technology has already been used successfully by City staff on a number of distribution system leaks. For more information, contact the Water & Sewer Department at 408-615-2000.



3575 De La Cruz Boulevard Project Update: The City has published its questions and answers addendum for the 3575 De La Cruz Boulevard Request for Proposals (RFP). This project will produce high-quality affordable housing, while providing adequate open space and parking at a density that is appropriate for the surrounding neighborhood. All of the units will be affordable across a range of income levels as identified in the Community Visioning Report, attached to the RFP as Exhibit 2. The deadline to submit proposals has been extended to 4 p.m. on Monday, August 13. To download the RFP and the Questions and Answers Addendum, visit the City's 3575 De La Cruz Boulevard RFP [webpage](#).

George F. Haines International Swim Center Improvements: Interior scaffolding was installed in the women's outer shower area and similar treatment will occur in the men's shower area. Both are inaccessible for patrons while the City's consultant develops options and cost estimates for the rehabilitation of the shower rooms due to leaking pipes and deterioration. Temporary shower areas are still available to the public. For more information, contact Parks & Recreation at 408-615-2260.



Central Park Lake Maintenance Project: City staff is conducting a cleanup of the Central Park Lake. The maintenance work plan consists of moving turtles and fish to the upper lake basin, removing the lake water, cleaning the cobble along the lake edge, back flushing the natural bio-filtration system cells, and then refilling the lake with reclaimed water. The project will take approximately four weeks to complete. The City is also considering recommendations to address the overabundance of Canadian geese and mallards which are causing excess nitrogen loads into the lake affecting water quality and clarity. For more information, contact Parks & Recreation at 408-615-2260.



Santa Clara Youth Soccer Park Ready for Upcoming Tournaments: The Youth Soccer Park facility and fields are prepared for the upcoming Santa Clara Sporting Invitational Tournaments to be held on August 10-12. Hundreds of visitors, players and coaches take away great memories and look forward to playing in Santa Clara's great facilities. For more information, contact Parks & Recreation at 408-615-2260.

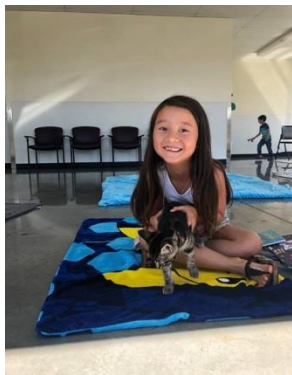


Maywood Day Camp Enjoys Bookmobile through July 31: Parks & Recreation and the Santa Clara Public Library Bookmobile have made Maywood Park a weekly stop for Maywood Day Camp participants and Santa Clara residents. Maywood Day Camp is Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation advocates learning through play, crafts and games to support healthy physical, cognitive, emotional and social development. The bookmobile allows the campers the freedom to make choices, share stories and develop a love for reading. The bookmobile visits Maywood Park, 3330 Pruneridge Avenue, through July 31 from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Parks & Recreation at 408-615-2260.



Silicon Valley Power Awards Scholarships on July 10: At the Council meeting on July 10, three students were honored with educational scholarships through the Silicon Valley Power Scholarship Program. Scholarships are awarded to students with a goal of entering a field related to energy services, public power, or the power industry. This year's recipients of the \$5,000 scholarships are Ismael Laymoun who is attending Mission College, Rafael Tolosa who recently graduated from Wilcox High School, and James Wang who is attending Santa Clara University. For more information, contact Silicon Valley Power at 408-615-6600.

Animal Read-athon Kicks Off: On July 7, the Santa Clara City Library kicked off a Read-a-thon alongside the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) to provide kids the opportunity to read to a dog or kitten and improve their reading skills. The bookmobile was on-site so children could find ample reading material for their furry companions. The Santa Clara City Library hosted two back-to-back reading sessions for children ages 7-12. In total, over 60 kids and parents attended this event. Attendees opened new library cards, checked out 132 items, and signed up kids and parents for Summer Reading. The City entertained kids and pets, improved literacy skills, and most importantly, brought awareness for pet adoption. For more information, contact the Central Park Library at 408-615-2900.



Santa Clara Fire Responds to Fire: On July 6, the Fire Department worked a three-alarm fire at the vacant By-Th'-Bucket restaurant at 4565 Stevens Creek Blvd. The fire was reported at 10:35 p.m. Firefighters arrived six minutes later and began an aggressive interior attack. Fire erupted through the roof, which forced the evacuation of interior crews. Firefighters then spent the next 90 minutes fighting fire from the exterior of the building. The building was a total loss. There were no firefighter injuries. Mutual aid was utilized, with the Santa Clara County Fire Department and the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety personnel back-filling Santa Clara fire stations while firefighters were fighting the fire. Fire investigators are working to determine the cause of this blaze. For more information, contact the Fire Department at 408-615-4900.



Two Large, Safe Events Held on the Fourth of July: The Police Department managed public safety and security for two major events on the Fourth of July. The All-City Picnic and Fireworks was held at Central Park. The event had approximately 35,000 people in attendance. The other major event was the 4th of July celebration and fireworks at California's Great America Theme Park with approximately 45,000 people in attendance. Both events went smoothly without any major incidents. For more information, contact the Police Department at 408-615-4700.

New Per Diem Special Events Officers Sworn In: On June 30, Chief Mike Sellers swore in 10 additional Per Diem Special Events Officers. These Officers will provide safety and security for the upcoming events at Levi's Stadium. In addition, six new Traffic Control Officers joined the Santa Clara team. These individuals will provide traffic control at Levi's Stadium and other events in the City. For more information, contact the Police Department at 408-615-4700.

Santa Clara City Library Welcomes New U.S. Citizens: The Santa Clara City Library partnered with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to host a Naturalization Ceremony in Central Park on June 29. USCIS swore in 83 new U.S. citizens from more than 20 different countries, just in time for them to celebrate their first Fourth of July as Americans. Congressman Ro Khanna, Santa Clara Vice Mayor Kathy Watanabe and City Librarian Hilary Keith welcomed the new citizens and Girl Scout Troop 60053 acted as the color guard for the ceremony. Their presence was especially significant for the Library, as this troop helped start our Arabic collection and story time at the Central Park Library. A reception was held in the Library after the ceremony, where new citizens applied for passports, received information about social security, registered to vote and enjoyed cake. For more information, contact the Central Park Library at 408-615-2900.

Law Enforcement Explorer Scout Graduation: On June 28, the 13th Annual Law Enforcement Explorer Academy held its graduation at Santa Clara University. The Explorer Scout graduates were from law enforcement agencies throughout the Bay Area. The three-week academy is put on through the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium and is coordinated by Officer Stephen Selberg of the Santa Clara Police Department. Chief Mike Sellers was the keynote speaker for the graduation ceremony. For more information, contact the Police Department at 408-615-4700.

Residents Get Fit with Therapeutic Recreation Services: The Therapeutic Recreation Services "Getting Fit" classes provide participants with disabilities a total body workout utilizing both cardio and strength training. Participants learn safe training practices, proper use of the fitness equipment, burn some calories, and socialize with their peers! Each week the participants set a goal of how many calories they would like to burn and receive a token if they meet their goal. On the week of June 25, a participant set a goal of burning 100 calories while on the rower machine. She was very excited and personally proud to not just meet, but to exceed her goal by burning 135 calories!



Silicon Valley BBQ Championships Held June 22 and 23: This year marked the 7th anniversary of the Silicon Valley BBQ Championships. In addition to the great food and entertainment for locals, the City-wide special event drew over 50 professional teams, competing for \$25,000 in cash prizes. This year's Grand Champion was Burnin and Lootin, and the Reserve Champion was Bone Rubbin BBQ. The competition also had over 30 backyard teams competing. The Backyard Champ was T & A BBQ. Huge congratulations to Parks on Fire who, once again, won the prized Mayor's Cup. This competition is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society and is one of the largest championship events on the West Coast. For a full list on all the winners, visit: <https://www.svbbq.com/bbq-teams>.



CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

Join the Center of What's Possible! The City is currently hiring for the following positions; to view job descriptions and for information on how to apply, visit: www.santaclaraca.gov/jobs.

- As-Needed Instructor/Lifeguard
- Business Analyst-Fiber
- Contracts Manager
- Electric Division Manager – System Support
- Electric Program Manager – NERC Operation
- Electrician
- Journey Lineworker
- Journey Lineworker Apprentice
- Per Diem Police Officer Special Events
- Police Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher II
- Recruit Police Officer



RESPONSE TO COUNCIL INQUIRIES

Agrihood (90 North Winchester) Project: The Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project has been posted on the City's website at: [Agrihood](#).

The proposed project would allow construction of up to 165 affordable senior apartments and 160 mixed-rate apartments and 34 townhouses. The project would provide approximately 1.5 acres of community gardens, agricultural gardens, and communal open space for residents and the public. A 1,650-square-foot community building and café for public and resident use, and an 800-square-foot garden workshop/shed are also proposed.

CalPERS Investment Return for FY 2017/18: On July 12, CalPERS reported a preliminary 8.6 percent investment return for Fiscal Year 2017/18. Based on this preliminary fiscal year return, the funded status of the overall CalPERS fund increased by 3 percent to 71 percent funded. The CalPERS Chief Investment Officer, Ted Eliopoulos, stated that they were pleased to have exceeded the expected 7 percent rate of return but also emphasized that CalPERS is a long-term investor. Pensions are paid for decades so investments are based on performance that will sustain the Fund for decades. The total Fund performance for a five-year time period was 8.1 percent. However, it is important to note that over a 10-year time period the performance was at 5.6 percent and over 20 years it was 6.1 percent which was well below CalPERS expected rate of return of 7 percent.

LEVI'S STADIUM RELATED UPDATES

Upcoming Stadium Events:

- July 22: Soccer: San Jose Earthquakes vs. Manchester United
- August 4: Soccer: International Champions Cup
- September 29: Concert; Jay Z and Beyoncé OTR II
- November 30: 2018 PAC-12 Championship

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Taxicab Regulations Meeting on July 19: The Police Department is inviting taxicab companies to a meeting to discuss upcoming changes to the City of Santa Clara taxicab regulations. The meeting will be held on July 19 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Santa Clara Police Department (1st Floor Community Room), 601 El Camino Real. For those individuals planning to attend, RSVP to Community Services Officer Thomas at rthomas@santaclaraca.gov. For more information, contact the Police Department at 408-615-4700.

Sunset Cinema: The Parks & Recreation Department would like to invite you to this summer's Sunset Cinemas. Refreshments will be available for purchase, including popcorn, fruit snacks, and bottled water. All items are \$1 each and will help support Youth Commission Activities and scholarships. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

- July 20, Central Park - *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* - Register [Here](#)
- August 10, City Plaza Park - *Inside Out* – Register [Here](#)



Roberta Jones Junior Theatre presents “Roald Dahl’s James and the Giant Peach Jr.”:

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre will conclude the 49th Season with the musical Roald Dahl’s *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*, with words and music by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, and a book by Timothy Allen McDonald. In this delightfully offbeat adaptation of the classic Roald Dahl adventure, a boy and his insect friends take an amazing journey across the ocean.

Performances are at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts, 3250 Monroe Street, at Wilcox High School, on July 24, 25, and 26 at 7 p.m., July 25 and 26 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$6 for children (ages 3-18), and can be bought online at www.RJJT.org, or at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. in Santa Clara. Seating is limited and tickets will likely sell out, so buy tickets in advance. The show is approximately one hour long, with no intermission, and is appropriate for all ages. Roberta Jones Junior Theatre is a program of the City’s Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, contact Kevin Cornelius, Recreation Supervisor, at 408-615-3161 or email kcornelius@santaclaraca.gov.

Summer 2018 Concerts in the Park: The City of Santa Clara Cultural Commission invites you to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket to sit on as you enjoy the FREE Concerts in the Park Summer 2018 series. All concerts are held at the Central Park Pavilion located at 909 Kiely Blvd. There will be food and shaved ice available for purchase. Come to dance the summer away on:

- Friday, July 13, 6:30-8:00pm featuring Orquesta Latin Heat
- Sunday, July 22, 2:30-4:00pm featuring The Lyratones
- Friday, July 27, 6:30-8:00pm featuring California Groove
- Sunday, August 12, 2:30-4:00pm featuring The Funky Souls Dance Band
- Friday, August 17, 6:30-8:00pm featuring The Houserockers

For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 408-615-3140 or for a Concerts in the Park flyer, visit <https://goo.gl/UnYmPP>.

National Night Out on August 7: The 34th Annual National Night Out will culminate on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. National Night Out is a program created by the National Association of Town Watch and organized locally by the Santa Clara Police Department. National Night Out is designed to increase awareness of crime prevention programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit by creating a positive police and community partnership. On Tuesday, August 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. residents in neighborhoods throughout Santa Clara and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on the outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors, police, and the fire department to promote a neighborhood unit against crime. Register your neighborhood event. It’s free and gives the police and other City representatives an opportunity to attend your event as time permits. The deadline to register is July 31. Register online at [National Night Out](http://NationalNightOut.org).

Therapeutic Recreation Services Presents SportAbilities August 7 to 9: The City’s Therapeutic Recreation Services (TRS) serves the recreational and social needs of individuals with disabilities in Santa Clara. Programs such as aquatics, dance, fitness, and social clubs provide participants the opportunity to develop and enhance social skills, communication, personal growth, and focus on one’s abilities rather than disabilities. TRS is hosting

“SportAbilities” a sports camp for individuals with developmental and cognitive disabilities August 7 to 9. Participants will be introduced to team building and basic sports skills. Participants must be able to function in a staff to participant ratio of 1:4, or provide an attendant. For more information on TRS programs and this exciting three-day camp, contact Lauren Council at 408-615-3169 lcouncil@santaclaraca.gov. Visit the [website](#) or register [here](#) for “SportAbilities.”

Citywide Garage Sale: The second Citywide Garage Sale for 2018 will take place on August 11. The Citywide Garage Sale is a great opportunity for residents to turn unwanted items such as clothing, furniture and home decor into cash, while avoiding usable items from ending up in the landfill. Residents can register online for individual, multi-family, or block garage sales starting July 9. Garage sale registrations are displayed on an interactive map, and a finalized list of garage sale locations will be made available for download on August 10. The map and list of garage sale locations can be found at [Garage Sale](#) or to register for the event visit [Registration](#). For more information, contact the Department of Public Works/Environmental Programs staff by calling 408-615-3080 or emailing Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Airplane Noise Town Hall Meeting: The City of Sunnyvale is hosting a town hall meeting to provide residents with an update on aviation noise mitigation efforts to date, highlights from the Ad Hoc Committee on South Flow Arrivals Report recommendations pertaining to Sunnyvale, and the city's next steps. The public will have an opportunity to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting. Special guest Congressman Ro Khanna will be in attendance. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Aug. 21, as we continue the discussion on aviation noise in our community.

- When: Tuesday, Aug. 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Where: Sunnyvale Community Center Ballroom, 550 E. Remington Drive

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Visit the Tentative Meeting Agenda Calendar for dates of upcoming Council Study Sessions, Joint Council/Commission meetings, as well as Council Public Hearing and General Business agenda items online at: <https://santaclaralegistar.com/Page.aspx?M=Y>. As you can see, while tentative and subject to change, it provides key policy items that the Council/Board will need to dedicate time to deliberate and that may take considerable time during the upcoming meetings.



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